

time during the analysis. However, two periods of time are specifically identified for the receipt of comments. The first comment period is during the scoping process when the public is invited to give written comments to the Forest Service. The second review period is during the 45 days review of the DEIS when the public is invited to comment on the DEIS.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in September 1998. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**.

The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the notice of availability is published in the **Federal Register**.

At this early stage in the scoping process, the Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviews of DEIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NDRG*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Secondly, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the FEIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (9th cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the FEIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to the specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, the comments will be analyzed

and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the FEIS. The FEIS is expected to be filed in February 1999.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Thomas J. Clifford,

Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina, February 19-21, 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the 1998 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, continue discussion on emerging issues in Urban and Community Forestry, and hear reports from the principal investigators of completed projects awarded under the Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 19-21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn—Center City, 230 North College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. A tour of local projects will be given February 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1042 Park West Court, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (970) 928-9264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided. Individuals who have made written requests by February 6, will have the opportunity to address the Council. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Larry Payne,

Acting Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Recipients of Fiscal Year 1997 Section 515 Loan Funds

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) has compiled a list of all recipients of fiscal year (FY) 1997, Section 515 loan funds. This action is taken to inform the public of recipients of FY 1997 Section 515 funds. The intended effect is public awareness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tracee L. Lilly, Loan Specialist, Rural Rental Housing Branch, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, Stop 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250, telephone (202) 720-1604 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.415, Rural Rental Housing Loans.

Discussion of Notice

The information available is an 11 page compilation that lists borrower names, names of the general partners, project name and location, number of units developed, and RHS loan amount. This information is available to all interested parties and can be obtained by writing the following address: USDA, RHS, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Stop 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250. The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed, self-stamped envelope. Envelopes must be a minimum of 11"x9" in size, and bear first class postage of \$.55. Requests without the required return envelope and postage will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Jan Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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